

## LEADERS ON LAST LAP FOR PENNANT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mt. Pleasant Has Bare Chance to Edge Into First.

### Dates for Final Games.

March 30—Bethany vs. Metropolitan.  
April 1—Ninth Street vs. Calvary.  
April 3—West Washington vs. Brightwood.  
April 6—Union vs. Mt. Pleasant.

The Sunday School Bowling League season is drawing to a close, as there only remains one match for each club to complete the schedule of forty-five games.

Mt. Pleasant and Metropolitan, by winning nine of the last twelve games bowled, have each pulled up one place in the team standing, and the former team has a bare chance for the pennant.

It will be necessary, however, for that team to perform the well-nigh impossible task of taking all three games from the champions of the past two seasons, in order to have its name engraved upon the "Times Cup."

For the high average prizes Bishop, of Ninth Street; Roberts, of Calvary, and Beckett, of Union, are in the lead, and have the best chance.

**Team Standing.**

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Union	33	9	.786
Mt. Pleasant	31	11	.736
Ninth Street	29	13	.689
Calvary	28	14	.667
Bethany	18	24	.429
Metropolitan	16	26	.381
West Washington	15	27	.357
Brightwood	4	38	.095

**Team Averages.**

Team	Games	Pins	Ave.	High
Union	42	32,692	778	925
Ninth Street	42	32,507	774	912
Mt. Pleasant	42	32,497	772	890
Bethany	42	31,176	742	859
Calvary	42	30,897	735	889
Metropolitan	42	29,905	712	850
West Washington	42	29,609	705	885
Brightwood	42	25,175	600	787

**Players Averaging 150.**

Name	Team	G.	Pins.	Ave.	High
Bishop, Ninth	28	6,524	171-25	211	211
Miller, Ninth	3	1,384	170-4	189	189
Bunn, Mt. Pleas	9	1,320	168-8	186	186
Roberts, Cal.	39	6,484	166-10	214	214
Beckett, Union	38	6,281	165-11	215	215
Goodman, Union	24	3,968	165-6	215	215
Caldwell, Union	38	6,238	164-26	215	215
Sherwood, Mt. P.	32	5,289	164-12	214	214
White, Union	4	655	163-3	168	168
Buell, Mt. Pleas	39	6,324	162-15	207	207
Smith, Bethany	43	5,325	161-12	201	201
Hanner, Union	42	6,788	161-6	210	210
Powder, J. Ninth	41	6,579	160-19	210	210
Brewer, Ninth	9	1,425	159-4	199	199
Hilton, Union	24	3,784	157-16	198	198
Sheckell, Mt. P.	21	3,394	157-7	198	198
Hoeke, Calvary	30	5,129	156-9	197	197
Robinson, 9th St.	12	1,863	153-3	191	191
Baker, Mt. Pleas	24	5,258	154-22	203	203
Snyder, 9th St.	24	5,258	154-22	203	203
Staley, W. W.	41	5,296	153-13	210	210
Smith, Calvary	39	5,602	153-13	210	210
Tilley, Union	14	2,138	153-10	207	207
Hartwell, A. B.	29	5,430	152-9	207	207
Lewers, Met.	42	6,269	151-18	207	207
Truitt, W. W.	42	6,328	150-38	207	207

**Union.**

Name	G.	Pins.	Ave.	High
Beckett	38	6,281	165-11	215
Goodman	24	3,968	165-6	215
Caldwell	38	6,238	164-26	215
White	4	655	163-3	168
Hanner	42	6,788	161-6	210
Hilton	24	3,784	157-16	198
Tilley	14	2,138	153-10	207
Hartwell	29	5,430	152-9	207
Elker, N.	24	3,129	130-9	160

**Mt. Pleasant.**

Name	G.	Pins.	Ave.	High
Bunn	9	1,320	168-8	186
Sherwood	32	5,289	164-12	214
Buell	39	6,324	162-15	207
Sheckell	21	3,394	157-7	198
Baker	24	5,258	154-22	203
Baldwin	39	4,485	149-15	200
Ronsaville	17	2,434	143-3	181
Zellers	29	5,296	142-36	189
Cleveland	3	244	114-2	123

**Ninth Street.**

Name	G.	Pins.	Ave.	High
Bishop	28	6,524	171-25	211
Miller	3	1,384	170-4	189
Powder, J.	41	6,579	160-19	210
Brewer	9	1,425	159-4	199
Robinson	12	1,863	153-3	191
Cady	24	5,296	154-22	203
Edwood	19	2,847	149-16	194
Russell	3	445	145-1	181
Powder, W.	42	5,296	142-36	189
Waters	9	1,172	130-2	175

**Calvary.**

Name	G.	Pins.	Ave.	High
Roberts	39	6,484	166-10	214
Hoeke	30	5,129	156-9	197
Smith	43	5,325	161-12	201
Noll	29	5,841	149-20	202
Baker	24	5,258	154-22	203
Wanted	15	1,826	145-4	178
Robins	9	1,241	137-8	168
Stickney	29	5,243	121-4	184

**Bethany.**

Name	G.	Pins.	Ave.	High
Smith	43	5,325	161-12	201
Hartwell	29	5,430	152-9	207
Jacobs	3	580	148-4	189
Grube	42	6,212	147-38	201
Hartwell, E.	42	6,065	145-3	217
Gardner	13	1,832	141-1	191
Crow	2	273	124-1	141
Walters	3	354	121-1	140

**Metropolitan.**

Name	G.	Pins.	Ave.	High
Lewers	42	6,269	151-18	207
Derrick	26	3,785	145-17	217
Edwards	26	3,785	145-17	217
Kewbold	39	5,158	143-8	200
Bridge	39	5,426	139-5	184
Dewhurst	37	5,820	131-6	188

**West Washington.**

Name	G.	Pins.	Ave.	High
Stuett	41	6,226	153-13	223
Truitt	42	6,328	150-38	207
Pell	42	5,843	139-5	187
Dodley	42	5,640	134-5	180
Markis	41	5,283	128-40	178

**Brightwood.**

Name	G.	Pins.	Ave.	High
Morton	6	532	144-1	183
Groff	6	5,517	131-17	183
Kimball	42	5,418	129	197
McIntyre	42	5,174	123-8	185
Shaw	42	4,560	118-34	180
Terry	12	1,296	108	135
Smith	35	3,556	107-25	167

**NO COME BACK.**

"You say your sister was permitted to ask questions of the spirit of her departed husband at the seance last night?"

"Yes, she asked the departed quite a number of questions."

"Were his replies convincing?"

"I don't know; she acted just like she used to when he was alive and didn't give him a chance to reply."

## GENUINE DARK HORSE AGGREGATION



CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM.

Top row (left to right)—Semmes, Lora, Toomey, Haaga, Manager Crotty, Burke. Middle row—Darr Deveries, Necrosi, Merva, Captain Canale, Hissler. Front row—Ramos, Coontz, Carter, Donnelly.

## NO PROVISION IN SCHEDULES FOR THE TITLE

College Supremacy in Baseball Will Again Be in Doubt.

The intercollegiate baseball season which opened in the East this week, while it promises many interesting contests, fails to produce anything in the way of a schedule which will definitely decide the college championship of the season.

This is unfortunately a close analysis of the playing dates of seventeen of the leading colleges and universities, showing many breaks in the chain which prevents anything like a decisive elimination on the basis of round robin play. The situation is fully as weak in this respect as it was in 1907, when both Princeton and Cornell claimed the college championship at the end of the season. Since these two teams did not meet the only resource was to compare the scores made against mutual opponents, which at best was a very unsatisfactory method, since baseball is more uncertain than other lines of sport indulged in by the college.

**More Tangled Than Before.**

The coming season finds the schedule more tangled than ever before. While Princeton and Cornell compete this spring in two games, Harvard and Pennsylvania will not meet, and Columbia has but three games in the Big Six circuit, one with Yale and two with Pennsylvania. Princeton has no game with Brown, a strong contender for honors last season, and the same state of affairs exists in the schedules of several other varsity combinations which are expected to develop strong lines for the premier position in the sport. This state of affairs is more surprising when it is realized that fully ninety games are to be played among the seventeen college teams which are expected to play high-class baseball during the next few months.

## PIGEON FANCIERS BUSY WITH RAGERS

Baskets Being Liberated Daily for Preliminary Training.

Homing pigeon fanciers are actively engaged in giving their ragers preliminary training in preparation for the long distance events which will take place in May and June.

Every fine morning an observer may find here and there a basket of pigeons being given their elementary training. The Seventh Street Union, Cleveland Park, Chevy Chase Circle, Tenleytown, Cabin John, and Great Falls will be some of the favorite points which will be the scene of liberations.

Probably 1,000 pigeons compose the numerous racing teams which will endeavor to lower the records over the western course. The first, last, and only time this course has ever been tried was in 1892, when it was given up, being considered too hazardous. But time changes all things and in no sport has there been made such a stride as pigeon flying in late years. The scientific principles have been carefully considered; better facilities have been provided for shipping, and more attention devoted to instructions to liberators. These, together with the superior quality of the subjects, make it apparent that the present season will inaugurate a new era.

The first club-training fly will take place on April 19 from Herndon, Va., after which liberations will be had weekly.

All the time Times want ads are performing "prodigies of service"—some of which might as well be for YOU.

## Baseball Diamonds Not Made, Like Topsy, They Just Happen

Grounds in American League

New York—Built on bed of rock.  
Chicago—Too "Musky" for batting.  
Detroit—Cross sodding disastrous.  
Washington—One of best in circuit.

Just as the ball player has his favorite bat, so has he usually his favorite diamond. Money may give a city a good ball team, money can certainly put up good stands and make a park look fine, but no amount of coin can make a good diamond; good baseball grounds are not made; they just happen.

A good diamond depends upon the kind of earth there is in the locality where the park is situated. For instance, Chicago, the biggest paying city from an attendance standpoint in the country, has the worst diamond. The ground is naturally soft and a ball will not travel. Yet Washington, with its tall end team, has one of the best diamonds.

him and the ground keeper can't by any means make it go away.

There is always some hole or some rise of some kind to make the ball bound badly to him, he'll vow.

In New York the diamond was built practically upon a bed of rock. The infielders and Cornell compete this spring in two games, Harvard and Pennsylvania will not meet, and Columbia has but three games in the Big Six circuit, one with Yale and two with Pennsylvania. Princeton has no game with Brown, a strong contender for honors last season, and the same state of affairs exists in the schedules of several other varsity combinations which are expected to develop strong lines for the premier position in the sport. This state of affairs is more surprising when it is realized that fully ninety games are to be played among the seventeen college teams which are expected to play high-class baseball during the next few months.

A ball hit sharply will take a bad bound and travel as though made of rubber. That is why the Yankees always hit so well at home, they say. Note that when Griffith gets his bunch back on the Highlands they immediately start a sharp hitting clip.

In Chicago it is directly the reverse. Remember when the White Sox won the world's championship? They were called the hitless wonders. That was because seventy-seven of their games were played on the home lot and nobody hits very much on the South Side grounds in the Windy City. The outfield is "mushy" and the ball does not travel when it is hit out there.

**The Best Fields**

The best diamonds in the American League are the ones in Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, and Philadelphia. New York and Chicago, the two biggest baseball towns, have the poorest diamonds. This does not mean the parks, but the kind of ground upon which the diamond is placed.

"Detroit, under Bill Cline, has one of the best diamonds in the country or did have," said Bill Coughlin recently. "The infielders are all worrying about the grounds now since they have rebuilt the park and changed the diamond. Last year the man they had keeping the grounds sodded it crosswise and we had a terrible time following the bound of a ball when it came at us. The year before that Cline had as good a plot of ground as anybody in the league. This year we've got to wait until we get North to see how the change has affected us."

**Gotham Trouble**

"In New York, when they built the park, they slapped heavy mud just like Georgia clay in the diamond," says Ira Thomas. "Around the plate whenever it was damp the clay would get on the ball and make it so slippery you would think you were throwing a ball covered with slippery elm."

"They have put every kind of earth imaginable around the plate and the bases to prevent, but it is hard work. Whenever it rained the whole infield would be throwing spitballs."

Just as no ball player is ever satisfied with the work of the official scorer, no player is ever quite satisfied with the work of a ground keeper. Every infielder has some bump in front of his position somewhere which bothers

## CHANCES SMALL FOR ANY CHANGE IN REAL ESTATE

The latest averages of the Real Estate Bowling League place the teams so far apart that there is little hope of any change in the standing in the few weeks which yet remain of the season.

The Potomacs, who have rolled some remarkable sets this winter, are so far ahead that they can easily lay claim to being the premier quint of the circuit. The Assessors have an equally strong record.

**Team Standing.**

Team	Games	Won	Lost	Pct.
Potomacs	66	53	13	.803
Assessors	63	48	15	.763
Lawyers	57	33	24	.579
Washington	55	41	14	.745
City Hall	61	20	41	.327
Marines	61	10	51	.164

**Team Averages.**

Team	G.	P.	H.G.	H.S.	Av.
Potomacs	66	50269	1072	2966	898
Assessors	63	44998	983	2782	865
Lawyers	57	54074	1012	2857	829
Washington	55	45111	916	2701	800
City Hall	61	46847	976	2502	786
Marines	60	45532	899	2553	755

**Potomacs.**

Name	G.	P.	H.G.	H.S.	Av.
Bontz	66	12,222	327	698	191
Robinette	54	9,855	227	626	183
Brown	53	10,563	229	614	186
Caldwell	38	5,820	235	596	177
Barber	36	4,602	237	571	176
Goodman	57	9,588	229	614	186
Whitney	3	483	129	484	151
Howard	21	3,257	201	555	155

**Lawyers.**

Name	G.	P.	H.G.	H.S.	Av.
Witkes	38	9,469	212	592	158
Campbell	33	5,970	237	606	181
Hartman	45	8,009	236	604	175
Husted	15	2,825	225	592	173
Whitney	45	8,009	236	604	175
Wilking	33	5,970	237	606	181
Stuart	19	3,116	212	553	164

**Assessors.**

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Team.	G.	P.	H.G.	H.S.	A.
Krauss .....	18	3,356	219	606	1
Akers .....	63	11,267	233	611	1
Myers .....	45	7,807	224	606	1
Swaggart .....	63	10,872	232	613	1
Wieser .....	43	8,057	235	570	1
Hunt .....	24	4,010	211	570	1
Nelligan .....	15	2,494	197	532	1
Morris .....	36	5,853	223	551	1